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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment A for the above-referenced patent application in response to Office Action, paper no. 20050927—date mailed: October 3, 2005; for which a response is due January 3, 2005 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three [3] months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

The Specification is objected to.

The Specification is hereby amended.

Claims 1-62 are rejected.

Claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21, 23, 27, 31, 33-39, 41-43, 45-49, 52, 56, 58 and 59 are hereby amended. Claims 2, 3, 11, 14-16, 22, 28, 30, 32, 44 and 57 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 9, 10, 19, 20, 24-26, 29, 40, 50, 51, 53-55 and 60-62 are original.

The Director has previously been authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. No additional fee is due. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.